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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The self-contained ladder assembly set forth in claim ~~2~~ 16 wherein said slide track members have elongated guide ~~track openings~~ tracks therein.

Claims 4-8 (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The self-contained ladder assembly set forth in claim ~~4~~ 16 wherein said platform and said rungs of said respective ladder portions have a textured surface thereon.

10. (currently amended) The self-contained ladder assembly set forth in claim ~~3~~ 16 wherein said elongated guide tracks are vertically offset to one another along a longitudinal central axis and have respective end areas of increased transverse dimensions.

11. (currently amended) The ladder assembly set forth in claim ~~4~~ 16 wherein said means for storing said ~~open-rung~~ upper and lower ladder stair portions comprises, pivoting said upper and lower stair portions from a first extended position to a second folded position, sliding said upper and lower stair portions from said second folded position to a third storage position between said respective frame elements of said ladder support frame.

Claims 12-14 (canceled)

15. (currently amended) The ladder assembly set forth in claim 8 16 wherein said means for securing said respective ~~handrails~~ handrail assemblies in a first position and a second extended position comprises guide blocks on said respective ~~mounting~~ ladder support frames and a notch in the distal end of said respective handrails registerable on selective guide support bolts.

16. (new) A self-contained ladder assembly comprising, a support portion and a ladder portion,

said support portion comprising a mounting frame having oppositely disposed slide track members with elongated guide track openings therein and cross brackets extending therebetween,

one of said cross brackets having oppositely disposed notch interconnecting plates, said plates pivotally secured to respective slide tracks,

said ladder portion comprises, a ladder support frame member slidably disposed on said mounting frame by wheel assemblies thereon registerable within respective guide track openings in said mounting frame,

a platform interconnecting said ladder support frames,

upper and lower stair portions pivotally secured to one another and to said ladder support frames,

pairs of guide bearing assemblies on rail portions of one of said stair portions registerable within bifurcated guide slots in said respective ladder support frame elements,

hand rail assemblies having elongated slots therein registerable on guide support bolts extending from said respective ladder support frames,

means for securing said respective handrail assemblies from a first position to a second extended use position,

means for storing said upper and lower stair portions within said ladder support frame.